Dewan's reply.—The height of kodi or waste weir is always fixed after due consideration of all conditions affecting the safety of the tank itself. Where, however, it is possible without danger to the tank to store water at the close of the rainy season to a higher level than that at which it is necessary to keep the kodi during the season of floods, temporary dams are allowed subject to removal at the beginning of the rainy season. The proposal to make all these temporary dams permanent is most inexpedient, as it would lead to the breach of most of the tanks during the rains. Where however the kodi can in any particular case be raised with safety, the work should be of a permanent nature. This is being done by the Public Works Department whenever found necessary, and any such cases brought to notice will be duly considered by the local Revenue and Engineer officers.

Subject No. 17.

Inclusion of free grazing land in State Forests.

Summary of discussion.—At the demarcation of 1887 certain jungles in Hirikatur and other 9 villages were allotted as free grazing land. But they have been since added to State Forests.

The Forest Department are now reserving as State Forests certain jungles in Lingadahalli and Lakkavalli Maganis which are now available for grazing and than which there is no other. This should be stopped.

Dewan's reply.—The representation will be referred to the Deputy Commissioner for examination. If found necessary, the boundary of the State Forests referred to will be thrown back, as has been done in several cases brought to the notice of the local Revenue officers.

Subject No. 18.

Limitation of term of office of Municipal Commissioners.

Summary of discussion.—Members of the Municipal Board have been members from the time the Municipality was established. The office is not hereditary and yet it has been treated as if it were so. There are always a large number of eligible persons available and therefore the tenure of office should be limited to 5 years.

Dewan's reply.—The proposal is reasonable and a rule like it will be adopted with a proviso that members will be eligible for re-appointment at the end of 5 years.

Subject No. 19.

Seigniorage on fuel cut for sale.

Summary of discussion.—It has been locally proclaimed that fuel for purpose of sale can be cut in reserved tracts only on paid licenses. This will cause much hardship and the order should be countermanded.

Dewan's reply.—Impossible. Agriculturists and Mohatarfa-paying charcoal burners and iron smelters are allowed free firewood for their own *bonâ fide* use. What can be more reasonable? Surely our forests don't